Confusing Words Exercise

Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word.

1. She managed to keep her ……………………….. throughout the ordeal.
   - sanity
   - sanctity
   - serenity

2. His …………………………….. hurt her feelings.
   - irony
   - sarcasm
   - Either could be used here

3. ……………………………….. people tend to lose friends quickly.
   - Ironic
   - Sarcastic
   - Either could be used here

4. He watched his enemies turn against each other with ……………………………….. amusement.
   - satirical

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5. The poor man received a ........................................... beating from the thugs.

6. Voltaire’s Candide is a famous ........................................

7. The hurricane caused .................................................. damage.

8. The partners’ differences seem
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Irrefutable
Irreconcilable

9. ........................................ romantics are always falling in love.

Inveterate
invertebrate
invigorate

10. His ........................................ sense of humor helped him through hard times.

invisible
invincible
invinsible

11. The door opens ..............................

inward
inwards
Either could be used here
12. The .................................. train derailed.

inward
inwards
Either could be used here

Answers
1. She managed to keep her sanity throughout the ordeal.
2. His sarcasm hurt her feelings.
3. Sarcastic people tend to lose friends quickly.
4. He watched his enemies turn against each other with sardonic amusement.
5. The poor man received a savage beating from the thugs.
6. Voltaire's Candide is a famous satire.
7. The hurricane caused irreparable damage.
8. The partners' differences seem irreconcilable.
9. Inveterate romantics are always falling in love.
10. His invincible sense of humor helped him through hard times.
11. The door opens inward / inwards.
12. The inward train derailed.